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## THE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF CANADIAN BIBLIOGRAPHIES

This project of the Society is making good progress. Over 800 titles have been collected. Several members of the Committee have submitted titles; others have inquired what type of material should be included.

It appears necessary to re-define the scope of the project in order to keep it within bounds. We must adhere more strictly to the definition of a bibliography: "A list of books, pamphlets, newspapers, periodicals, maps and manuscripts, or their reproduction." This leaves out lists of pictures, photographs, phonograph records, films (except microfilms of manuscripts or of printed material).

Indexes that are solely "a list of topics, names, etc., treated in a book or a group of books, with reference to pages where they occur", and particularly indexes to statutes, cases or court decisions, and other "glorified tables of contents" are to be omitted. But an index to articles in various newspapers or periodicals, usually classified by subject, or a list of publications issued by a society or a government agency, is a bibliography.

Only union lists dealing exclusively with Canadian material will be included, and not union lists dealing with non-Canadian material.

Bibliographies or catalogues on cards cannot be considered as available for circulation and will be omitted, unless it is planned to issue them as a list.

Analytical articles on bibliography or of bibliographical interest, which are not bibliographies in the sense of the above definition, are to be omitted. On the other hand, journals that regularly devote some space to Canadian bibliography should be listed.

As a rule, only separately published bibliographies will be listed. The indiscriminate inclusion of bibliographies appended to monographs would add thousands of titles and would not be justified. A careful selection has to be made, although it is proposed to include substantial or valuable bibliographies appended to monographs, when these are reported to the Committee.

"Choisir, c'est se priver". The above decisions mean the omission of important and useful material, the listing of which would be desirable but it is impracticable at the moment.

All the resources of the National Library have been tapped. Nevertheless, in the field of provincial documents and locally published bibliographies there remains a serious shortage of information. Our members, and the members of the B.C.B. Committee in particular, are urged to send in their reports to fill these gaps.

Raymond Tanghe.



### B.C.B. PUBLICATION GRANT

Largely as a result of the vigorous campaign conducted by our President, Dr. Tanghe, the Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Social Science Research Council of Canada have voted jointly the sum of \$2,000.00 in aid of the publication of the Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies. This will ensure the early appearance of this important compilation.

### B.C.B. CORRESPONDENTS

The following are the local correspondents of the B.C.B. Committee:

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Members of the Society who know of bibliographies that deserve inclusion in the B.C.B. should contact their local correspondent or write directly to the B.C.B. Committee, National Library of Canada, Ottawa. Suggestions about what should be included or excluded will be gratefully received by the B.C.B. Committee.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The 1959 Annual Meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada will be held on Monday, June 22, 1959 at 7:30 p.m. in the West Lounge of the Students' Union Building, University of Alberta, Edmonton. The speaker will be Dr. L.G. Thomas of the Department of History, University of Alberta. Dr. Thomas will address the meeting on the subject: "Churches and Church Records in the History of the Canadian West."

RETIREMENT OF DR. LORNE PIERCE

In order to mark the retirement of Dr. Lorne Pierce as Editor of the Ryerson Press in December 1959, we propose to devote our December Newsletter to a Special Issue honouring Dr. Pierce for his long career in the service of Canadian literature. Members who wish to contribute anecdotes or other information to this issue, or who would like to submit short letters paying tribute to Dr. Pierce, are invited to address them to the Editor of the Newsletter before November 1, 1959.

THE DICTIONARY OF CANADIAN BIOGRAPHY

This monumental work has at last been made possible by the generous bequest of the late James Nicholson of Toronto, under whose will the residuum of his estate was donated to the University of Toronto to assist the founding of such a dictionary. The kind co-operation of Mrs. Nicholson has facilitated an immediate start. This munificent gift will provide the income from an endowment of more than one million dollars. The Dictionary will thus be maintained in perpetuity, even though the provision of additional resources will be necessary in the early stages.



The first General Editor, George W. Brown, is one of the best known living Canadian historians. He is a professor of history at the University of Toronto, where his special fields have been Canadian and United States history. He was Editor from 1930 to 1945 of the Canadian Historical Review, and has been Honorary Editor of the Royal Society of Canada since 1946. He is the author of Canada in the Making, Building the Canadian Nation, and a number of other text and reference works in Canadian history.

The assistance of contributors from every part of Canada will be needed to carry forward this national dictionary. The co-operation of writers and researchers in many fields will be sought to bring together the essential material for a truly great dictionary.

It is the aim of the University of Toronto Press to publish one or more volumes within three years, and to advance the entire project as rapidly as thoroughness may permit. It is anticipated that very great progress will have been made by 1967, and a more fitting commemoration of Canada's century of Confederation could scarcely be conceived.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHIES IN PROGRESS

1. Professor Edward F. Grier is preparing an edition of the notebooks (verse or prose) and prose manuscripts of Walt Whitman for publication by the New York University Press. Persons owning or knowing the whereabouts of Whitman manuscripts are urgently requested to write Professor Grier, Department of English, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, U.S.A.
2. Mr. A.A. Haidt is compiling a bibliography of Canadian writings in English on co-operatives since 1900. This compilation is being made under the auspices of the National Committee for Research on Co-operatives.
3. Mr. Eric Spicer, Assistant Librarian of the Ottawa Public Library, is preparing a Short History of the Graphic Publishers of Ottawa and a Checklist of their Imprints, which should be available by the end of 1959.

#### RECENT REFERENCE WORKS ON FRENCH-CANADIAN LITERATURE

The past decade has seen the appearance of a number of important aids to the study of French-Canadian literature, of which the following should be noted:

##### 1. BIBLIOGRAPHIES:

CANADA, GOVERNMENT OF, Canadian Graduate Theses in the Humanities and Social Sciences, 1921-1946. Thèses des gradués canadiens dans les humanités et les sciences sociales, Ottawa, King's Printer, 1951.



DROLET, ANTONIO, Bibliographie du roman canadien-français, 1900-1950, Québec, Presses universitaires de Laval, 1955. (900 items)

ÉCOLE DE BIBLIOTHÉCAIRES, UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL, Bibliographies d'auteurs canadiens d'expression française, Microfilm, 10 reels, \$300.00 (Approx. 250 authors)

GARIGUE, PHILIP, A Bibliographical Introduction to the Study of French Canada, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, McGill University, 1956 (2,984 items)

GOGGIO, EMILIO, BEATRICE CORRIGAN AND JACK H. PARKER, A Bibliography of Canadian Cultural Periodicals (English and French from Colonial Times to 1950) in Canadian Libraries, Department of Italian, Spanish and Portuguese, University of Toronto, 1955. (Approx. 450 items)

LANCTOT, GUSTAVE, L'Oeuvre de la France en Amérique du nord; bibliographie sélective et critique, Montréal, Fides, 1951. (465 items)

MARTIN, GÉRARD, Bibliographie sommaire du Canada français, 1854-1954, Québec, Secrétariat de la Province de Québec, 1954. (900 items)

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CANADA, Canadiana, Ottawa, 1951- Cumulated yearly; the 1956 volume is now in preparation.

SOCIÉTÉ DES ÉCRIVAINS CANADIENS, Répertoire bio-bibliographique de la Société des Ecrivains canadiens, Montréal, 1954. (Approx. 500 authors)

TOD, DOROTHEA D., AND AUDREY CORDINGLEY, A Check List of Canadian Imprints, 1900-1925. Catalogue d'ouvrages imprimés au Canada, Canadian Bibliographic Centre, Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, King's Printer, 1950.

TOUGAS, GÉRARD, A Check List of Printed Materials relating to French Canadian Literature. Liste de références d'imprimés relatifs à la littérature canadienne-française, Vancouver, University of British Columbia Library, 1958. (Approx. 1,700 items)

TREMAINE, MARIE, A Bibliography of Canadian Imprints, 1751-1800, Toronto, University of Toronto Press, 1952.

## 2. HISTORIES OF LITERATURE

BAILLARGEON, SAMUEL, c.ss.r., Littérature canadienne-française, Québec, Presses universitaires Laval; Paris, Presses universitaires de France, 1954.

VIATTE, AUGUSTE, Histoire littéraire de l'Amérique française des origines à 1950, Québec, Presses universitaires Laval; Paris, Presses universitaires de France, 1954.



## 3. POETRY - ANTHOLOGIES:

RIÈSE, LAURE, L'Ame de la poésie canadienne-française, Toronto, Macmillan, 1955. (20 poets)

ROY, G.R. (translator), Twelve Modern French-Canadian Poets, Toronto, The Ryerson Press, 1958. (English and French texts)

SYLVESTRE, GUY, Anthologie de la poésie canadienne d'expression française, Montréal, Valiquette, (1942). Deuxième édition revue et augmentée, Montréal, Beauchemin, 1958. (Second edition includes 69 poets)

## 4. NOVEL:

O'LEARY, DOSTALER, Le Roman canadien-français (Etude historique et critique), (Montréal), Le Cercle du Livre de France, (1954).

## 5. THEATRE:

BÉRAUD, JEAN, 350 Ans de théâtre au Canada français, (Montréal), Le Cercle du Livre de France, (1958).

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

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